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Dear Sir:

Prior to commencing the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. A clean copy of the amended claims is set forth below:

## CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for modifying data from a group of laboratory instruments, the method comprising: